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User Guide

Improved Multi-Bat Box (BMB)



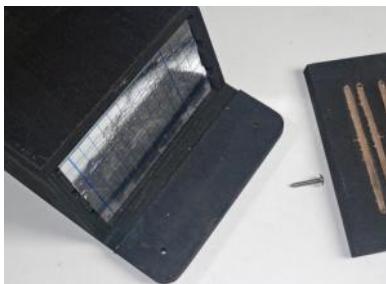
Welcome to your new Improved Multi-Bat Box

This box is designed so that you can set it up as either a crevice box (to attract crevice dwelling bats including Common Pipistrelles and Soprano Pipistrelles (the UK's most numerous bats), or as a cavity box, where it will suit cavity dwellers such as Brown Long Eared bats.

The size of the entrance slot is also adjustable, allowing you to alter the entrance to suit different bat species.

Configuring the Inside of the Box

The box is supplied set up as a crevice box with 3 separate crevices.



To change the configuration, remove the screw at the top of the box and take off the roof.



Lift off and remove the roof insulation. This will expose the ceramic tile inserts.

Take out the 2 pairs of tiles in the middle of the box (leaving one tile at the front). Replace the roof and screw it back on (NB Do not replace the roof insulation, as the bats will then be able to use the grooves in the underside of the roof to hang onto). Keep the tiles and insulation safe, as you may want to use them later.

As an alternative, you could remove just one pair of tiles (and the insulation), creating a box with both a cavity and a crevice inside.



Entrance Hole Adjustment

The underside of the box has a moveable panel which is designed to allow adjustment to any width between approximately 11mm and 36mm. The panel will simply slide, but if it is stiff, unscrew the retaining screws a little. Once adjusted, we suggest you tighten the screws so it does not move when you put up the box.



Our recommendation is to set the opening to 17mm for Common Pipistrelles or 21mm for Brown Long Eared Bats, but it can be set to any other widths.

Erection and Management

Generally we suggest you mount the box reasonably high up (3 metres is ideal), using the 4 mounting holes to attach it (with screws, nails, or cord) to a tree or wall etc.

Bat boxes which are in use by bats should not be disturbed except by appropriately licenced bat specialists.

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